GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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EXTRACTION OF GRANITE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has some special schemes to improve granite extraction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantity of granite reserve at present, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(d) the quantity of granite exported during each of the last three years;

(e) whether the granite export has been badly affected during recent years;

(f) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefore; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMMI REDDY).

(a)& (b): Granite is a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation)Act,1957(MMDR Act) and as per Section 15 of the MMDR Act, 1957, all powers to make rules and grant mineral concessions for minor minerals have been given to the concerned State Government. The Central Government has notified the Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999 on 1st June, 1999, to conserve the granite resources and to prescribe a uniform frame work with regard to systematic and scientific exploitation of granite throughout the country.

The Central Government has constituted a Granite Development Council(GDC) including various stakeholders to discuss and redress issues raised by granite industry.

(c): As per available information, resources of granite(as per United Nation Framework classification) as on 1-4-2000 are as follows:

State	(in`000 cu.m)
Andhra Pradesh	2405890
Assam	583950
Bihar	877612
Chattisgarh	50057
Gujarat	421296
Haryana	34000
Jharkhand	8847364
Karantaka	9307678
Kerala	2808
Madhya Pradesh	1994084
Maharasthra	1158847
Meghalaya	286467
Orissa	1843060
Rajasthan	8525208
Tamil Nadu	559435
Uttar Pradresh	494819
West Bengal	33426
All India Total	37426001

(d) to (g): As per available information, quantity-wise export of granite during the years 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06 is as follows:-

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Quantity (in tonnes)	2098169	2608556	2841066

The export of granite has increased in past few years.